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(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal to repair the bridge; and

(*c*) if so, when the repairing work will begin?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMI PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Certain beams of the bridge collapsed on the 7th June 1954. The work of reconstructing the bridge is expected to be taken up by the district board within a month."

Extent of Government forest area in Pudukkotta division of Tiruchirappalli district.

* 593 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of Government forest area in the Pudukkotta division of the Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the acreage reserved for game purposes for the Raja of Pudukkotta?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 55,276 acres.

" (*b*) 32,312 acres."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has any condition been stipulated, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. Assurances were given to the Raja of Pudukkotta by the Government of India under the Merger Agreement that certain areas will be left as game-preserve areas."

Expenditure on the construction of roads and loans granted for digging wells.

* 594 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any loan or aid was given by the Government in 1952 to villagers in rural areas who built roads and dug wells in their areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. The Government spent a sum of Rs. 2,21,218–6–6 for construction of roads and granted loans amounting to Rs. 10,76,383–6–0 for digging or deepening wells in the rural areas of the State in 1952."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" இவ்வளவு பணத்தைச் செலவு செய்தும் எத்தனை ரோடுகள் போடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன, எத்தனை கிணறுகள் வெட்டப் பட்டிருக்கின்றன. எந்த ரோடாவது அல்லது கிணராவது சேரிகளில் வெட்டப் பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அறிவிப்பார்களா ?" 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot answer that question off-hand. The present question relates to the amount spent. If the hon. Member wants details, let him put a separate question and I will be able to answer it."